पण्य	आंकड़े मिलियन टन में		
	1997-98 अप्रैल-अक्टूबर	1998-99 अप्रैल-अक्टूबर अनंतिम	पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में कमी बेशी
कुल कोयला	118.37	14.2	-4.17
इस्पात संयंत्रों के लिए कच्ची सामग्री	21.51	21.1	-0.41
लोहा और इस्पात	6.63	6.07	-0.56
निर्यात के लिए लौह अयस्क	6.54	6.75	0.21
सीमेंट	20.7	19.21	-1.49
खाद्यान्न	15.59	14.76	-0.83
उर्वरक	15.53	15.08	-0.45
पेट्रोल, तेल व स्नेहक	17.37	18.71	1.34
अन्य सामान	18.88	20.43	1.55
जोड़	241.12	236.31	-4.81

अर्थव्यवस्था के महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों, जिसमें बिजली, कोयला, खाद्यान्न, सीमेंट, उर्वरक तथा इस्पात शामिल हैं, से मांग में गिरावट के कारण लदान में कमी आई है।

Frequency of Madurai-Jammu Tawi Express

2287. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to increase the frequency of Madurai-Jammu Tawi Express, which is running twice-a-week at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

Improvement in Railway Stations and Platforms in Tamil Nadu

2288. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Miniser of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to improve/beautify railway stations and platforms at various stations in Tamil Nadu during the last two years; and

(b) the amount allotted for this purpose during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Works relating to extension of platforms; the provision/extension of shelters; paving of platform surfaces; provision/extension of waiting halls/rooms; augmentation of drinking water facilities; booking facilities; provision/extension of foot-over-bridges are taken up for improvement of amenities at stations and works of renovation/face lifting of stations are taken up for beautification of stations based on volume of traffic, importance of station and resource position. This is an ongoing process.

(b) State-wise Expenditure/allocation of various work is not maintained by Railways. However, an amount of Rs. 11.61 crores have been allocated during 1998-99 to Southern Railways for improvement to various passenger amenities at stations on Southern Railway which covers the State of Tamil Nadu.